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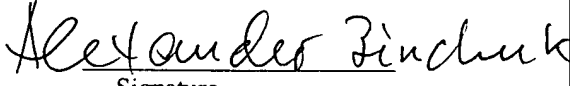
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		U.S. Acquisition No. (if known, see 37 CFR 15) 10/501529
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP03/00237	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE January 13, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED January 15, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR THE PYROMETALLURGICAL TREATMENT OF METALS, METAL MELTS AND/OR SLAGS AND INJECTION DEVICE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO//US MATTHIAS MEYN, PETER MONHEIM, REINHARD SCHOLZ		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set as 35 U.S.C.371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). <input type="checkbox"/> A proper demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed 935 U.S.C. 371(C)(2) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A TRANSLATION OF THE International Application into English 935 U.S.C. 371(c)(2). <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under pct Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required if not transmitted by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> have been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). SIGNED <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 		
Items 11. To 16. Below concern other document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 with 5 reference(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Assignment document for recording. A Separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 are included. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment with a Marked-up copy of the claims. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification <input type="checkbox"/> A change or power of attorney and/or address letter. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other items or information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Second copy of this transmittal letter PCT Request 4 Sheet(s) of Drawings Examination Report w/ Translation 		

Application No. if known, see 37 CFR 1.150 10/501529		International Application No PCT/EP03/00237		Attorney's Docket No.: DT-6832			
17. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted; Basic National Fee (35 cfr 1,492 (a)(1)-95): Search Report has been prepared by the EPD OR JPO.....\$ 900.00 International preliminary fee paid to USPIO (37 CFR 1.482).....670.00 No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to up to (37 CFR 1.445 9a(2))760.00 Neither international preliminary fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.4459A(2)) paid to up to970.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1(-94)) 96.00 ENTER APPROXIMATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				CALCULATIONS		PTO-USE ONLY	
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Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate				
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Independent Claims	2- 3	0	x \$ 78.00	\$ 00.00			
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